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Alberta Coal Policy Committee Members:

On behalf of High River Town Council, we thank you for the opportunity to present this submission focusing on how High River and other Alberta municipalities feel about coal development.

High River was proud to become the first municipality in Alberta to become involved in this issue, and to lead the municipal campaign against coal mining.

In January 2021, Mayor Craig Snodgrass brought a motion to Town Council asking Premier Jason Kenney to reinstate the 1976 Coal Policy and hold extensive public consultation before making any changes to this policy. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mayor Snodgrass, who is in his second term as mayor, is a lifelong resident of High River. He is an ardent fly fisher and outdoors enthusiast who is committed to protecting the Highwood River and other Eastern Slopes watersheds for future generations, including his young daughter and son.

Today's co-presenter, 2-term Councillor Bruce Masterman, is a long-time outdoor writer and book author, provincially-recognized conservationist and father of two adult daughters raised fishing, hunting, camping and tromping around the Eastern Slopes.

High River Town Council's concerns with coal mining focus on several factors, including but not limited to: the Alberta Government's unilateral rescinding of the 1976 Coal Policy; its quiet consultation with Australian coal companies well before the rescission became public; and the environmental/ecological damage that future coal mining would cause to the Eastern Slopes and its watersheds, including the Highwood River, which is the lifeblood of High River.

It is important to note that High River's concerns about coal excluded Grassy Mountain, which was under regulatory consideration by the time we entered the discussion.

After leading High River into the coal issue in January, Mayor Snodgrass subsequently brought forward to Town Council 3 additional motions related to coal development. Described in the following pages, all motions passed unanimously.

In the most recent motion, on May 10, Council approved the proposed Alberta Coal Restriction policy, which called for no new coal mines anywhere on the Eastern Slopes, and that all lands disturbed by coal exploration be reclaimed by the end of 2025.

High River shared that motion with all Alberta municipalities, along with an invitation to endorse the policy.

To date, 25 municipalities have endorsed the policy, which appears on Page 4.

Significantly, they include the City of Lethbridge – the largest populated municipality that would be impacted by coal mines in the Oldman River watershed – and the Municipal District of Ranchland, which would stand to gain millions of dollars in annual tax revenue from coal mines along the southern Eastern Slopes.

Other municipalities located in the Oldman watershed that endorsed the policy include the MD of Pincher Creek, County of Lethbridge, Town of Stavely, Town of Coalhurst and Hamlet of Lundbreck.

Also endorsing the no-coal policy were 2 First Nations, 7 organizations and 5 businesses.

Copies of the endorsements are part of this package.

For the past several months, we also have documented the actions of 35 Alberta municipalities that expressed concerns with the provincial government about the coal issue.

Combined with the 25 municipalities that endorsed High River's proposed no-coal policy, that is 50+ municipalities that have voiced concern about coal.

With 344 municipalities in Alberta, that could be construed to be an insignificant number. We don't look at it that way. Quite the contrary.

For starters, those municipalities represent more than 3.2 million Albertans. They range from the largest cities to the smallest rural municipal districts.

We can't recall a single issue that has galvanized such a large number of municipalities, in addition to other interest groups and individuals.

Four municipalities from Saskatchewan and Manitoba also wrote letters, as further proof that what happens to the water in our Eastern Slopes impacts the 2 provinces to the east.

As you will see in the following pages, mayors from cities ranging from Calgary and Lethbridge to the village of Longview have challenged the Alberta government on the wisdom of pinning our province's economic and environmental future on coal.

High River stands firmly behind our proposed Alberta Coal Restriction Policy, as do many other Albertans.

We trust your committee to do the right thing by recommending a policy that doesn't include any future coal development on the Eastern Slopes.

Thank you.



Craig Snodgrass
Mayor
Town of High River



Bruce Masterman
Councillor
Town of High River

Proposed Alberta Coal Restriction Policy, unanimously approved May 10, 2021 by High River Town Council and distributed for endorsement to all Alberta municipalities and First Nations:

Effective November 15, 2021:

Section A:

1. No further coal exploration or development will be permitted on the Eastern Slopes of Alberta. *(There are no longer categories – there is only the area which is defined today as the Eastern Slopes)*
2. Existing coal mining operations in the Hinton / Grande Cache areas will be permitted to retire gracefully.
3. Reclamation of lands disturbed by coal exploration activities on coal exploration permits issued prior to February 8, 2021 must be reclaimed no later than December 31, 2025.

Section B: Rationale & why this is important.

1. The inherent value of the Eastern Slopes only exists with the landscape remaining intact.
2. The headwaters and landscapes of the Eastern Slopes are critical to the future of our province. Our communities, agriculture producers, food production, tourism, recreation, sport fishing and hunting all rely on these landscapes and watersheds producing clean water.
3. Economics – no amount of jobs or money created by coal exploration or development can offset the negative effects to the environment or human and animal health.

Municipalities, First Nations, organizations and businesses that endorsed the proposed Alberta Coal Restriction Policy put forward by High River Town Council:

MUNICIPALITIES

1. Town of High River (pop. 13,584)
2. County of Lethbridge (pop. 10,353)
3. City of Lethbridge (pop. 128,851)
4. Village of Longview (pop. 307)
5. Municipal District of Ranchland (pop. 92)
6. Town of Turner Valley (pop. 2,559)
7. Municipal District of Pincher Creek - endorsed first 3 points but not the 3 recommendations (pop. 2,965)
8. Town of Stavely (pop. 541)
9. Village of Warburg (pop. 766)
10. Town of Grimshaw (pop. 2,718)
11. Town of Tofield (pop. 2,100)
12. Town of Vegreville (pop. 5,708)
13. Town of Hanna (pop. 2,559)
14. Town of Coalhurst (pop. 2,668)
15. Town of Lamont (pop. 1,774)
16. County of St. Paul (pop. 6,400)
17. County of 40 Mile (pop. 3,581)
18. Village of Girouxville (pop. 219)
19. Town of Athabasca (pop. 2,965)
20. Village of Milo (pop. 91)
21. Town of Wembley (pop. 1,516)
22. Town of Calmar (pop. 2,228)
23. Hamlet of Lundbreck (pop. 236)
24. Summer Village of Sandy Beach (278)
25. Village of Elnora (pop. 298)

FIRST NATIONS

1. Smith's Landing – NWT
2. Lubicon Lake Band

ORGANIZATIONS:

1. Livingstone Landowners Group
2. Pekisko Group
3. Boundary Landowners Association (Cardston County)
4. Alberta Backcountry Hunters and Anglers
5. Alberta Hiking Association
6. Water, Not Coal Society

7. Bow River Trout Foundation

BUSINESSES ENDORSING:

1. Fish Tales Fly Shop – Calgary
2. Crowsnest Café and Coffee Shop – Municipality of Crowsnest Pass
3. Rocking P Ranch – Nanton
4. Plateau Cattle Co.
5. 2K Guiding and Cattle Co.

In addition, the following municipalities and First Nations have passed motions, initiated legal action, written letters or otherwise expressed concern about Alberta coal development.

Their actions are described in the following pages.

Six municipalities from this list also endorsed the proposed Alberta Coal Restriction Policy.

Those are marked with an asterisk*:

1. High River *
2. Town of Nanton
3. Town of Okotoks
4. Village of Longview*
5. Town of Black Diamond
6. Town of Turner Valley*
7. County of Foothills
8. City of Airdrie
9. Village of Acme
10. Town of Banff
11. Town of Canmore
12. Town of Edson
13. Town of Cochrane
14. Town of Claresholm
15. Town of Fort Macleod
16. MD of Pincher Creek *
17. Town of Pincher Creek
18. MD of Ranchland *
19. MD of Willow Creek
20. City of Lethbridge *
21. City of Red Deer
22. City of Edmonton
23. City of Calgary
24. County of Strathcona
25. Town of Vulcan

26. City of Leduc
27. County of Clearwater
28. Brazeau County
29. MD of Taber
30. Town of Rocky Mountain House
31. City of Camrose
32. County of Rocky View
33. Village of Hillspring
34. Town of Devon
35. Town of Olds
36. Ermineskin, Bearspaw and Whitefish Lake FN
37. Kanai-Blood FN
38. Siksika FN
39. O'Chiese FN

ACTIONS TAKEN BY MUNICIPALITIES

1. HIGH RIVER: (13,584)

In response to the Government of Alberta's action, the Town of High River Council adopted the following resolution at its Regular Meeting of Council on January 11, 2021:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct Administration to draft a letter to Premier Jason Kenney, requesting the immediate reinstatement of the 1976 Alberta Coal Policy which was rescinded on June 1, 2020;

AND THAT the letter requests that the Government of Alberta begin public consultation with Indigenous groups, environmental groups and all stakeholders in Alberta on any proposed revisions or replacement to this policy;

AND FURTHER THAT this letter be sent to the Minister of Environment & Parks Honorable Jason Nixon, Minister of Energy Honourable Sonya Savage as well as the MLA for Livingstone-Macleod Roger Reid.

This letter was sent to the Premier and Ministers on January 12, 2021 and a meeting has been requested with the Premier. To date, the Town of High River has neither received a response to our letter nor a meeting with the Premier.

Other local governments, public officials and Albertans have called upon the Government of Alberta to reinstate the Coal Policy. In response, the Government of Alberta has cancelled some of the coal leases but this is not adequate in order to protect water resources for downstream communities, such as High River.

Therefore, at the February 1, 2021 Special Meeting of Council, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS Council adopted resolution #RC 14 -2021 requesting the Province of Alberta immediately re-instate the 1976 Coal Development Policy;

AND WHEREAS coal exploration and open pit mining will impact water resources for downstream communities affecting businesses, residents, ranchers, farmers and ecosystems;

AND WHEREAS coal exploration is causing irreparable damage to the landscapes and watersheds as well as adversely affecting the public's access, use and enjoyment of Crown lands on the Eastern Slopes of Alberta;

AND WHEREAS local First Nations groups, municipalities, landowners and ranchers are legally challenging the Province's rescindment of the 1976 Coal Policy in the Courts;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council request all coal exploration be immediately ceased on the Eastern Slopes of Alberta and cease issuance of any new exploration permits on the Eastern Slopes of Alberta until public consultation has taken place regarding the future of coal mining on the Eastern Slopes of Alberta;

AND THAT Council request the Government of Alberta & Premier Jason Kenney issue an immediate stop work order for all existing coal exploration permits on the Eastern Slopes of Alberta and cease issuance of any new exploration permits on the Eastern Slopes of Alberta until public consultation has taken place regarding the future of coal mining on the Eastern Slopes of Alberta;

AND THAT Council direct Administration to investigate legal options relating to the damage caused due to exploration on Alberta's Eastern Slopes.

AND FURTHER THAT Council direct Administration to prepare a letter with a copy of this resolution to all members of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, Alberta Urban Municipalities Association, Rural Municipalities of Alberta, Municipalities of Saskatchewan, Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities and Association of Manitoba Municipalities requesting their support to re-instate the 1976 Coal Development Policy.

In light of this resolution, the Town of High River is respectfully requesting that you consider drafting a letter of support to the Government of Alberta for the immediate Exploration Stop Work Order as well as the reinstatement of the Coal Policy.

April 12:

Council decided unanimously to send a letter to Kenney asking for immediate stop of all coal exploration on Eastern Slopes, and that letters would be sent to all Alberta municipalities asking for their support of that initiative.

May 10: Council by 7-0 vote approved the proposed Alberta Coal Restriction policy.

2. NANTON: (2,181)

Jan. 18/21

"Whereas Council wishes to express its concerns over the safety and quality of regional water resources that supply Nanton's water licence allocations it directs the Chief Administrative Officer to draft a letter to Premier Jason Kenney for signature by the Mayor.

- Requesting a new and comprehensive consultation process subsequent to the Government of Alberta's rescindment of the 1976 Coal Policy on June 30, 2020
- Seeking a more thorough analysis of the local hydrological, environmental and economic impacts of any watershed changes
- requesting further local public presentation and discussion prior to any further consideration or action regarding applications for open pit mining to the Alberta Energy Regulator."

3. OKOTOKS (31,569)

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council directs our Chief Administrative Officer, CAO to draft a letter to Premier Jason Kenney for signature by the Mayor requesting:

- An immediate rollback of the decision to rescind the 1976 Coal Policy.
- A new and comprehensive consultation process on the desired changes to the 1976 Coal Policy.
- A more thorough analysis of the local hydrological, environmental and economic impacts of any watershed changes
- Further local public presentation and discussion to any further consideration or action regarding applications for open pit coal mining to the Alberta Energy Regulator.

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that Council direct our CAO to draft a letter, for signature by the Mayor, to the President of Alberta Urban Municipalities Association (AUMA), Barry Morishita, requesting AUMA develop an advocacy strategy on this issue for a wholesome consultation process on any changes to the 1976 Coal Policy with a thorough analysis on the environmental impacts particularly to watersheds.

Jan 27/21

June 8: Accepted ACRP for information only.

4. LONGVIEW (307) *See Appendix*

Feb. 12 letter from Mayor Wight to Kenney:

Thank you to the Alberta Government for reinstating the 1976 Coal Policy. This is a good start but just the beginning.

The Government must stop any current permitted exploration of the land. It does not matter when they were given permission, it has an impact on the land.

Intense public consultation along with Municipalities on any changes must be undertaken. These changes affect a lot of people and businesses. They deserve an opportunity to evaluate all the information and give feedback.

A thorough analysis of potential watershed impacts must also be done before any development.

Provincial maps show Category 2 lands where Province is allowing mines going into the Kananaskis where the headwaters of the Highwood River and Cataract Creek begin. We must not forget about the rivers and streams that start at the Crowsnest Pass. These waterways supply water for people/businesses in southern Alberta.

The Government has been promising strict regulatory standards for mine development. How will this be done with cuts being made to the Environmental Monitoring Plan? There have been high levels of Selenium shown in rivers by mines up north, but nothing was done. Tailing ponds should not be anywhere near waterways.

Increased scrutiny needs to be done in the future with strong penalties for the offenders.

“The UCP needs to step back, stop all development, and do a lot more work before proceeding with this. The Coal policy should also be brought into legislation requiring more oversight before any changes would be made. The public will remain vigilant in watching what is happening. It is not over.”

Endorsed ACRP.

5. BLACK DIAMOND (2,700)

Moved by Councillor Sharon Hart that Council agree to send a letter to Premier Kenney, advising of concerns related to the provincial government's rescinding of the 1976 Coal Development Policy for Alberta. MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Veronica Kloiber that Council agree to direct Administration to post the final letter supporting the reinstatement of the Coal Policy to the Town's website and social media channels. MOTION CARRIED

Res. 2021-42 Res. 2021-43

The letter, when written and sent, will be posted on our website.

Also the Town of Black Diamond sent the request to discuss the Coal Policy and future development in the Category 2 lands west of Black Diamond to be sent along to our Water Corporation for review and discussion. That meeting will occur on Thursday.

6. TURNER VALLEY (2,559)

Feb 1 2021

Administrative Responses

1.1 Alberta Coal Mining - Staff Report - Michelle Ouellette

Res.21.02.01.06 Motion by Councillor Wilkie be it resolved that Council direct administration to work with the administration of the Town of Black Diamond (should Black Diamond's Council be so amenable) to draft a letter to Premier Jason Kenney (and other relevant recipients) including the following information and any other such

information that our colleagues in Black Diamond may wish to include or that our administrations may deem advisable :

- A request for a re-instatement of 1976's A Coal Development Policy for Alberta (the "Coal Policy") which was rescinded on June 1, 2020;
- A request to initiate a comprehensive consultation process on the proposed changes to the Coal Policy including all relevant stakeholders (and specifically including all potentially impacted municipalities that draw water from the South Saskatchewan River Watershed including the Towns of Turner Valley and Black Diamond);
- A request for thorough analysis in advance of consultation including local hydrological, environmental, economical, recreational and tourism impacts of the proposed changes to the Coal Policy;
- A request for an immediate halt to any coal exploration and development activity resulting from rescinding the Coal Policy and the subsequent issuance of Crown mineral leases until such time as the above analysis and consultation is completed; and
- An expression of concern about policy changes that impact the sole source of water for many communities along the Eastern Slopes of the Rocky Mountains being undertaken without fulsome public consultation.

AND THAT should Black Diamond's council be amenable to such an approach that a draft letter be presented to the next Joint Friendship Advisory Committee meeting for consideration of approval and joint signature by the Mayors of Turner Valley & Black Diamond.

AND FURTHER THAT should Black Diamond's Council not wish to proceed jointly with this initiative that Council approve the preparation of a letter on the same terms listed above and authorizes the Mayor to sign such letter on behalf of Council as soon as feasible .

CARRIED

Res.21.02.01.07 Motion by Councillor Gordon that Council direct administration to prepare a letter to Associate Minister Grant Hunter requesting clarification by identifying and providing the detailed red tape reductions to the current Alberta Environmental regulations that supersede the Environmental Regulations of the 1976 Coal Policy.

CARRIED

Res.21.02.01.08 Motion by Councillor Gordon that Council direct administration to prepare a letter to Highwood MLA RJ Sigurdson requesting his position on the Coal Mining in the Sheep River watershed.

CARRIED

Res.21.02.01.09 Motion by Councillor Gordon that Council prepare a letter on behalf of Council to Jason Nixon, Minister of Environment and Parks asking specifically to provide information that coal mining development would not negatively impact the Sheep River and Blue Rock Provincial Parks.

CARRIED

Res.21.02.01.10 Motion by Councillor Raab that Council direct administration to prepare a letter to Sonya Savage, Minister of Minister of Energy on behalf of Council specifically asking how the Ministry of Energy justifies how coal development on the Eastern Slopes of Alberta would be compatible with the environment.

CARRIED

Res.21.02.01.11 Motion by Councillor Hamilton that Council direct our CAO to draft a letter, for signature by the Mayor, to the President of Alberta Urban Municipalities Association (AUMA), Barry Morishita, requesting AUMA develop an advocacy strategy on coal mining in the Eastern Slopes for a wholesome consultation process on any changes to the 1976 Coal Policy with a thorough analysis on the environmental impacts particularly to watersheds and; furthermore consultation should be held with all stakeholders down stream from any coal mining or industrial development.

CARRIED

Endorsed ACRP.

7. COUNTY OF FOOTHILLS (24,190) See Appendix

January 27, 2021, Foothills County Council passed the following motion:

“MOVED that a letter be sent to Premier Kenney respectfully requesting that the Province of Alberta commit to developing legislation that would replace the Coal Development Policy for Alberta”.

Since 1976, residents of the County relied on the Coal Development Policy and other Government policies to protect sensitive areas in Alberta. Premier Lougheed took measures to protect the area for all and in Foothills County, Kananaskis had four major access points that were improved so everyday Albertans could access trails and campgrounds that had been developed. We believe that Albertans take pride in how this area, so close to Calgary, is being used and support the controlled harvest of the timber as well as cattle grazing in many parts of K-Country.

In order to protect the area west of the County and all sensitive areas that may be subject to mining, the absence of clear policy and legislation for the area raises concerns with Foothills residents regarding the water quality and allocation in the headwaters, as well as the loss of our mountain vistas, grasslands and wildlife habitats.

We urgently request that your Government undertake a consultative process with Albertans towards clearly outlining, in policy and legislation, protection for K-Country, our watersheds and

other areas that affect the lives and enjoyment of everyday Albertans.

8. AIRDRIE (68,091)

At the Feb. 1, 2021 meeting, moved by Deputy Mayor Petrow that Council sends a letter to the Province of Alberta to express concern on behalf of Airdrie regarding the proposed Grassy Mountain Coal Mine Project.

9. VILLAGE OF ACME (653) See Appendix

The following motion was passed by the Village of Acme Council at February 8, 2021 Regular Council meeting:

"That a letter be sent to High River in support of their position in regard to requesting the Provincial Government of Alberta to reinstate the 1976 Coal Development Policy and stop the surface mining on the Eastern Slopes of the Rockies. A cc of the letter will go to the Minister of Energy Sonya Savage, Minister of Environment & Parks Jason Nixon, as well as our MLA the Honourable Speaker of the House Nathan Cooper".

We strongly agree that the Government of Alberta begin public consultation with Indigenous groups, environmental groups and all stakeholders in Alberta on any proposed revisions or replacement to this policy.

10. BANFF (8,224)

Feb. 8 2021

That Council request the Mayor send a letter to the Provincial Government thanking them for reinstating the Alberta 1976 Coal Policy, which protects the Eastern Slopes, and which also requests that the Provincial Government issue an immediate stop work order for all existing coal exploration permits on the Eastern Slopes of Alberta until public consultation has taken place regarding the future of coal mining on the Eastern Slopes of Alberta. For: (7): Mayor Sorensen, Councillor Canning, Councillor Christensen, Councillor DiManno, Councillor Olver, Councillor Poole, and Councillor Standish

11. CANMORE (14,798) See Appendix

February 2, 2021 council meeting. The minutes from the meeting have not been officially approved, but when they are they will be posted on our website here: <https://canmore.ca/town-hall/town-council/council-minutes-agendas>. I've also attached the letter that was sent to the Premier following the motion.

Moved by Councillor Comfort that Council direct the Mayor to ask that the Premier reinstate the 1976 Coal Policy, which protects the Eastern Slopes.

12. EDSON: (8,524)

Wrote to Premier Kenney on Jan. 19 asking the province to reopen closed, already-developed metallurgical mines instead of moving forward with new ones (Global News Jan. 27, 2021)

13. COCHRANE (32,010) *See Appendix*

Letter from mayor to Jason Nixon:

It is our understanding that the Province is planning to change the activity designations in the Oldman River basin, thereby increasing allocation for industrial use. Water allocation in the South Saskatchewan River Basin remains a high priority for Cochrane, and many of the municipalities participating in the Calgary Metropolitan Region Board (CMRB). CMRB member municipalities have committed to participating and supporting collaborative, sustainable regional planning through the CMRB's growth and servicing plans.

Thank you for allowing Albertans to be heard on this important subject and your commitment to conducting a comprehensive public consultation on the desired changes to the coal policy and completing a thorough analysis of potential watershed impacts.

14. CLARESHOLM (3,823)

July 20, 2020

Moved by Councillor Carlson to write a letter to the Alberta Energy Regulator and the Minister of Environment stating the Town of Claresholm's position is that the promotion of exploration of coal in Alberta is not conducive to the protection of our environment, and that these actions are harmful to the environment, our waterways and our wildlife. MOTION #20-095

January 25, 2021

Moved by Councillor Carlson to write a letter to the Minister of Environment and the Minister of Energy, and to cc MLA Roger Reid and Premier Jason Kenney, requesting that the government take a closer look at instituting more aggressive regulations and more environmental controls regarding coal leases and the Town of Claresholm's concern over the rescindment of the 1976 Coal Policy on June 30, 2020. MOTION #21-008

15. FORT MACLEOD (3,052)

Feb. 8, 2021 6-1 vote

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council request all coal exploration be immediately ceased on the Eastern Slopes of Alberta and cease issuance of any new exploration permits on the Eastern Slopes of Alberta until public consultation has taken place regarding the future of coal mining on the Eastern Slopes of Alberta;

AND THAT Council request the Government of Alberta & Premier Jason Kenney issue an immediate stop work order for all existing coal exploration permits on the Eastern Slopes of Alberta and cease issuance of any new exploration permits on the Eastern Slopes of Alberta until public consultation has taken place regarding the future of coal mining on the Eastern Slopes of Alberta;

16. MD OF PINCHER CREEK (2,965) – See Appendix

Council for the MD of Pincher Creek, at their meeting of January 26, 2021 discussed various concerns from the public in our community regarding potential impacts of coal mining in the Easter Slopes. Council is requesting the immediate reinstatement of the June 15, 1976 Coal Development Policy for Alberta, which was rescinded on June 1, 2020.

We also strongly further request that the Government of Alberta begin public consultation with all stakeholders in Alberta on any proposed revision or replacement to this policy.

In closing, our Council looks forward to the engagement of stakeholders, other municipalities and Provincial Departments as this process move towards a broader public consultation.

17. TOWN OF PINCHER CREEK (3,742)

Feb. 3 Committee of Whole meeting, Council decided to send letter to GOA similar to what MD sent, but also asking for immediate reinstatement of Coal Policy.

The Town of Pincher Creek respectfully requests that the Government of Alberta begin public consultation with all stakeholders in Alberta on any proposed revision or replacement to this policy.

18. MD OF RANCHLAND (92)

Motion No. 391/20/12/09 MOVED by Councillor Gardner that the Affidavit by Ron Davis, Reeve, M.D. of Ranchland No. 66; authorizing intervenor status for the Application of Macleay Blades, Rocking P Ranch Ltd, John Smith and Plateau Cattle Co. Ltd. submitted to the Court of Queen's Bench in July of 2020 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Motion No. 415/21/01/05 MOVED by Reeve Davis that as per agenda item 5B, administration proceed to draft a Foothills Little Bow Municipal Association resolution; in support of recognizing the importance of water quality and access to water quantities, as per discussions by Council and furthermore that the draft be circulated to Councillors prior to submitting the resolution.

CARRIED

Motion No. 447/21/02/02 MOVED by Reeve Davis to approve and sign the joint letter between the M.D. of Ranchland and the M.D. of Pincher Creek which expresses concern regarding the proposed changes to the Oldman River Basin Water Allocation Order – Alberta Regulation 109/2010.

CARRIED

Motion No. 449/21/02/02 MOVED by Councillor Gardner that the Government of Alberta be requested to place a moratorium on all new coal exploration within the headwaters of the South Saskatchewan River Basin until such time as the implications to the water security and other environmental impacts are understood and furthermore until such time as Albertans are fully consulted.

CARRIED

June 14 – Received notification that MD approved proposed ACRP.

19. MD OF WILLOW CREEK (5,230) – *See Appendix*

Feb. 10 letter to ministers Savage and Nixon from Reeve Maryanne Sandberg

“The MD of Willow Creek is concerned that good public practice was not followed by the Government of Alberta when it made changes to the 1976 Coal Development Policy and to water licensing allocations above the Oldman Reservoir. There were no public consultations over the proposed changes to the Coal Policy. Also, the process taken by the province regarding proposed developments insofar as information related to potential impacts to the air, water, wildlife and natural landscapes is not clearly understood. This lack of clarity and transparency has led to polarization and fractures within the community – leading to the fact that many citizens’ confidence in the process has been broken.

“Therefore, we ask that prior to the Province undertaking the process of reviewing any applications presently being considered, full transparency be undertaken to ensure clarity and to provide a full public debate so that a final decision on these applications is clearly understood.

“Additionally, we would request the Government review their process as to amending the water license allocation policy for water users above the Oldman Reservoir. Again, open communications, clarity and transparency directly with affected parties regarding those water allocations should occur.”

20. CITY OF LETHBRIDGE (128,851) – *See Appendix*

Lethbridge City Council wants its voice to be heard in regards to any current and future coal mining projects on the Eastern Slopes of the Rockies.

Council members on Tuesday Feb. 9 voted unanimously to support other communities in their ongoing efforts and directed the Mayor to write a letter to Premier Kenney, as well as the Ministers of Environment and Energy and the Federal Minister of Environment and Climate Change, to include:

- Thank the Government of Alberta for re-instating the 1976 Coal Policy
- Bring forward a comprehensive public consultation on proposed changes to the 1976 policy
- Complete a thorough and complete analysis of potential watershed impacts that will result from allocating water to mining operations that could impact the supply of water to existing and future downstream users
- Complete a thorough and complete analysis of potential water quality impacts from mining operations, including but not limited to, higher levels of selenium in the river systems
- To review the Mine Financial Security Program to ensure that it is properly financed to ensure reclamation of any project that may go ahead
- A full stop on any and all Watershed Water Allocation amendments, including those in the Oldman Watershed, pending Public Consultation on a new Alberta Coal Policy and comprehensive review of the potential watershed impacts on the Oldman Basin
- Support on the Stop Work Orders for all existing exploration
- Invite the two Lethbridge MLAs and the Member of Parliament for Lethbridge to a conversation with Council on these matters, and to forward a copy of the letter to them

Feb. 17 letter to Kenney from Mayor Chris Spearman

Ask GOA:

1. Bring forward comprehensive public consultation on any proposed changes to the 1976 policy:
2. Complete a thorough and complete analysis of potential watershed impacts that will result from allocating water to mining operations that could impact the supply of water to existing and future downstream users:
 - A. Complete a thorough and complete analysis of potential water quality impacts from mining operations, including but not limited to, higher levels of selenium in the river systems, and
 - B. Complete a thorough and complete analysis of the effectiveness of selenium mitigation technologies
 - C. Commit to ongoing monitoring and testing for selenium levels in Alberta river systems. Establish selenium thresholds for water safety and procedures to cease mining operations when thresholds are exceeded.
3. Lethbridge City Council also asks the GOA to review the Mine Financial Security Program to ensure that it is properly financed to ensure reclamation of any project that may go ahead, so Albertans don't end up with another abandoned well program and/or if the

environmental issues are not dealt with in advance, that there is money to do proper clean-up; and

4. Lethbridge City Council request a full stop on any and all Water Allocation amendments, including those to the Oldman Basin Water Allocation Order, pending Public Consultation on a new Alberta Coal Policy and comprehensive review of the potential watershed impacts on the Oldman Basin
5. Lethbridge City Council voices support on the Stop Work Orders for all existing exploration.

June 1: City of Lethbridge endorsed proposed Alberta Coal Restriction Policy.

21. RED DEER: (106,736)

On Feb. 17, after a long discussion about water quality and threats to it, Council affirmed the GOA's reinstatement of Coal Policy and asked the government to conduct broad public consultation before enacting any future changes to coal mining policy.

22. EDMONTON: (972,223)

Feb. 22, 2021

1. That Administration, in consultation with EPCOR, return to Utility Committee with a report on the following:

- a. the potential impacts to City of Edmonton headwaters that may result from the four currently approved coal mining projects, and for future mining projects should the Government of Alberta choose to rescind the 1976 coal mining policy
- b. an outline of tools the municipality has to protect these headwaters, including but not limited to mitigation for potential impacts of high rates of selenium in our water supply and the possibility of the municipality working in regional partnership to seek intervenor status with the provincial government.
- c. recommendations on the feasibility of developing a headwater protection strategy for the City of Edmonton

2. That the Mayor, on behalf of City Council, write a letter to the provincial government to request municipalities be consulted as major stakeholders on future coal policy change, and to ask for a moratorium on exploration until after public consultation has been completed and a replacement coal policy is in place.

23. CALGARY: (1,543,283) 2 letters in Appendix

Feb 8 2021

Moved by Councillor Sutherland. Seconded by Councillor Demong

That with respect to Report UCS2021-0174, the following be adopted, as amended:

That Council:

Direct Administration and other experts to make a presentation at the Standing Policy Committee on Utilities and Corporate Services no later than May 2021 on the Government of Alberta's decision to rescind the 1976 coal-mining policy that had protected the eastern slopes of the Rocky Mountains – and the headwaters that flow from them; and

Request the Mayor to write to the Government of Alberta in support of other Southern Alberta municipalities expressing our support for the full reinstatement of the 1976 Coal policy and significantly more public consultation, and advocating for the protection of the watershed through the cancellation or suspension of the coal mining leases granted after the 1976 coal mining policy was rescinded in June 2020. .

For: (12) Mayor Nenshi, Councillor Farkas, Councillor Gondek, Councillor Chahal, Councillor Davison, Councillor Keating, Councillor Woolley, Councillor Carra, Councillor Colley-Urquhart, Councillor Farrell, Councillor Sutherland, and Councillor Demong

Against: (2) Councillor Chu, and Councillor Magliocca

MOTION CARRIED

Also additional direction was provided last week:

Coal Mining Policy Update (Verbal), IGA2021-0269. This item has attachments. A presentation entitled "Coal Mining Policy Update" was distributed with respect to Verbal Report IGA2021-0269.

Moved by Councillor Demong

That with respect to Verbal Report IGA2021-0269, the following be approved, after amendment:
That the Intergovernmental Affairs Committee:

1. Receive the Presentation for the Corporate Record; and
2. Direct Administration to participate in the Government of Alberta consultation process.

Letters from Nenshi to Premier Kenney and Minister Savage – *See Appendix*

24. COUNTY OF STRATHCONA (103,187)

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6. That administration, in consultation with EPCOR and other municipalities, provide a report to Priorities Committee by the end of Q3 on the feasibility of developing a headwater protection strategy for Strathcona County, the report to include the potential impacts to the County's headwaters that may result from the four currently approved coal mining projects, an outline of potential municipal tools to protect

headwaters, and opportunity to work in regional partnership to seek intervenor status with the provincial government.

7. That the Mayor, on behalf of Council, write a letter to the provincial government to thank the provincial government for reinstating the “1976 Coal Policy” pending a thorough consultation, to seek their commitment to consult with municipalities as major stakeholders on future coal policy changes, and to request a moratorium on further exploration until after public consultation has been completed and a replacement coal policy is in place.

25. TOWN OF VULCAN (3,813)

6.8 Alberta Coal Development Policy

At the Regular Council meeting of January 25, 2021 Council Armstrong gave a verbal presentation regarding concerns that had been raised as a result of the Provincial Government rescinding the Alberta Coal Policy on June 1, 2020. The Town of Vulcan has received additional information from Councillor Armstrong and letters of concerns from other municipalities.

Motion No.: 2021.36 Moved by Lorna Armstrong THAT Council directs Administration to send a letter to the Town of High River expressing support for their January 11th, 2021 resolution regarding the reinstatement of the 1976 Alberta Coal Policy and that the letter be forwarded to the Minister of Environment and Premier Kenney. CARRIED

May 25: Council tied 3-3 on a vote whether to support proposed Alberta Coal Restriction Policy, and Mayor Tom Grant broke the tie to defeat it. Coun. Lorna Armstrong proposed motion. To support his decision to oppose it, Mayor Grant said “We’re downstream from this municipality writing this letter and they think nothing of what they’re doing to our drinking water. And we just accept it, we don’t complain about it, because they’re upstream from us.” Craig S. has emailed Grant to find out what he was talking about. No response received.

26. CITY OF LEDUC (33,032)

Council voted on March 8:

That Council send a letter to Honourable Sonya Savage, Minister of Energy and the Premier requesting a pause on all current coal exploration on the eastern slopes of the Rocky Mountains pending a comprehensive consultation.

That Council provide input to the Coal Policy Consultation Process, when established, at both the political and administrative levels.

Endorsed ACRP – Mayor to provide separate letter to GOA

27. CLEARWATER COUNTY (11,975) – See Appendix

Council voted 7-0 on March 9 to send letter to Kenney, Savage, Nixon “thanking them for reinstating the 1976 Coal Policy and committing to further consultations with Albertans and also advising them of Clearwater County residents’ concerns with any proposed resource extraction within our Eastern Slopes.”

28. BRAZEAU COUNTY (8,577) *See Appendix*

March 2, 2021 the following motion was made during Brazeau County Council's regular council meeting: Moved by A. Heinrich to direct Administration to draft a letter to the Premier and Minister Savage, copied to MLA M. Smith, requesting the government of Alberta to begin public consultation, including current relevant legislation, with all stakeholders in Alberta on any proposed revisions or replacements of the 1976 Loughheed Coal Policy.

March 8 letter to Nixon and Savage from Reeve Bart Guyon asking for public consultation on 1976 Coal Policy before Council takes a stance on potential policy changes regarding coal mining on the Eastern Slopes.

29. TABER MUNICIPAL DISTRICT (7,173)

Council agreed in March to write a letter to Kenney, Savage etc. expressing concern that impact on water will not be considered as part of the GOA consultation on coal development on Eastern Slopes. (Savage had told the Southern Alberta Mayors and Reeves that water wouldn't be considered because it's governed by Alberta Environment and the public consultation on coal mining would be handled by Energy)

30. ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE (6,699) – *See Appendix*

Council decided on April 20 to send letter to Kenney expressing a need for thorough process in considering coal mining in Alberta, including extensive consultation with the public, First Nations and industry into the environment impacts including land, air and water quality and potential health impacts on people and wildlife, and a cost and benefit analysis encompassing employment in industry, economic revenue, effect on tourism, potential recreation development and a need to "enforce ongoing regulations" related to coal mining.

June 2 - Mayor Tammy Burke sent letter to Coal Policy Committee saying "a transparent, accountable, collaborate and regulatory approach, that is subject to extensive consultation, environmental considerations, a cost benefit analysis and a review of the regulatory processes and regulations, will ultimately lead to the best decision regarding these proposed developments." Council declined to support proposed Coal Restriction Policy.

31. CITY OF CAMROSE (18,742) – *See Appendix*

April 9 letter to Savage from Mayor Norman Mayer urging GOA to "carefully listen to and consider all of the input provided to ensure that the new policy reflects the best interests of the province and the people who call Alberta home. We would also like to call on the provincial government to ensure that the consultation and engagement process is carried out in a transparent and comprehensive manner."

32. ROCKY VIEW COUNTY (39,407)

May 11 meeting, Council decided to send a letter to Energy minister Sonya Savage under the signature of County Reeve Dan Henn, stating that limitations on public engagement have fed

into the negative narrative surrounding the proposed changes. "Albertans deserve a comprehensive public engagement process, with the full costs and benefits of any policy changes clearly explained and debated in public," the letter states.

33. VILLAGE OF HILLSPRING (162)

Mayor Dwight Davis sent Kenney letter on May 12 adding their support to High River and other municipalities to stop all exploration on Cat 2 lands that were approved prior to Feb. 8, 2021 and cease all exploration on Eastern Slopes pending outcome of public consultation process.

34. TOWN OF DEVON (6,578)

Jan. 27 - Mayor Ray Ralph wrote Kenney a letter asking for very clear and concise public consultation on lands that will remain protected from coal mining.

35. TOWN OF OLDS (9,184)

Mayor Michael Muzychka sent letter to Premier Kenney on Feb. 25 noting the lack of public consultation and engagement with municipalities and environmental concerns with coal mining. The Town of Olds urges the province to ensure that public consultation reaches far and wide, and most especially, taking that consultation into consideration prior to any movement on a renewal of the outdated policy.

Six First Nations endorsed proposed ACRP or expressed concerns about coal mining:

1. **Smith's Landing** – NWT (endorsed)
2. **Lubicon Lake Band** (endorsed)
3. **Ermineskin, Bearspaw, Whitefish Lake:** Have filed separate requests for a judicial review of the decision to rescind Coal Policy.
4. **Kanai-Blood:** Will launch a legal challenge against GOA over decision to rescind Coal Policy (Lethbridge Herald Feb. 2, 2021)
5. **Siksika:** Will launch a legal challenge against GOA decision to rescind Coal Policy (Calgary Herald Feb. 4, 2021)
6. **O'Chiese:** Wrote letter to Kenney requesting full First Nations representation in public consultation process. (*see appendix*)

Actions by Jurisdictions Outside Alberta:

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1. Municipality of McCreary (*see Appendix*):

Endorses and supports the reinstatement of the 1976 Coal Development Policy that as at June of 2020, the Government of Alberta rescinded the Coal Development Policy (Coal Policy) without adequate consultation with First Nations, environmental groups, residents, property owners and local governments.

The Municipality of McCreary supports the immediate Exploration Stop Work Order as well as the reinstatement of the Coal Policy for the Province of Alberta.

2. Town of Sainte Anne:

Feb. 23 to Kenney and Nixon from Marc Darker, CAO based on motions passed at Council on Feb. 10: BE IT RESOLVED that Council for the Town of Sainte-Anne be in support of the Town of High River's letter requesting for the Government of Alberta to reinstate the 1976 Coal Development Policy, and cease all coal exploration work until public consultation has taken place regarding the future of coal mining on the Eastern Slopes of Alberta.

3. Rural Municipality of Oakview:

Letter on Feb. 22 supporting reinstatement of the Coal Policy.

SASKATCHEWAN

1. Resort Village of Kannata Valley

Feb 26 letter to Kenney from Darlene Sytnick, CAO of Resort Village of Kannata Valley

"Kannata Valley is one of the many Saskatchewan Resort Villages located along Last Mountain Lake. Last Mountain Lake is a popular tourist destination, hosting a million-dollar sportfishing industry, as well as being a major recreational lake for cottage owners and visitors alike. We must protect, and whenever possible, improve the quality of the lake water for the benefit of all lake users.

"One of our mandates as a council for the Resort Village of Kannata Valley is to support and work to ensure the preservation of Last Mountain Lake and that of all valuable water resources as well as assuring access to clean drinking water.

"Therefore, the council of the RVK" voice their support of resolution RC14-2021 of Town of HR that asked for reinstatement of Coal Policy, cease work order on existing exploration and all new exploration until public consultation has taken place regarding the future of coal mining on the Eastern Slopes of Alberta.

APPENDIX

- Appendix 1: letters from Calgary Mayor Naheed Nenshi Feb. 26/21, April 19/21
- Appendix 2: O’Chiese First Nations
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- Appendix 17: Alberta Coal Restriction Policy endorsement letters



Naheed K. Nenshi, Mayor

February 26, 2021

The Honourable Jason Kenney
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Dear Premier Kenney,

Re: Fully reinstating the 1976 coal policy and protecting Southern Alberta

On behalf of The City of Calgary (The City) and at the direction of City Council, I am writing to urge your government to fully reinstate *A Coal Development Policy for Alberta* (1976 coal policy) in both form and intent. City Council fully supports our neighbouring municipalities in Southern Alberta that have expressed legitimate concerns about the impact of the expansion of coal mining on the watersheds surrounding them. The City supports your government's decisions to ban mountain top removal on Category 2 lands and the indefinite pause on new coal leases as further policy changes are contemplated, but we need your government to go much further.

City Council is urging the Government of Alberta to stop all activity in Category 2 lands until the public consultation has ended. Allowing coal mining to proceed on the Eastern Slopes will cause irreparable damage to the Southern Alberta watershed, the pristine wilderness surrounding these headwaters, and harm Albertans' enjoyment of these sacred spaces for generations. We can and must do better and it is in all our interests to do so. Our Intergovernmental Affairs Committee has directed The City to participate in your government's consultation process on the modernization of the coal policy to help ensure Calgarians' interests are protected.

Calgary is a big city situated at the confluence of two little rivers; a place where people have gathered since time immemorial. But our future is much less certain. Calgary will be facing more severe and frequent extreme events such as drought, flooding, and the significant effects of wildfires on our source water quality. As the provider of water and wastewater service to a third of Alberta's population, The City is taking these challenges seriously. Calgary's headwaters are located in a provincial park and a national park, so coal development will not directly affect our source water. But The City and the Calgary metropolitan region are preparing in earnest for a world where water scarcity becomes more frequent and is limited only by brief periods of overabundance, like we saw in the 2013 flooding that devastated Southern Alberta.

An overall focus on water security is critical to sustaining our shared prosperity, as a city, as a region and for the entire province. Protecting our communities from flooding and protecting the sources of our drinking water is a critical building block for the future growth and development of this province. The future of our province demands that all leaders acknowledge and plan for these risks and for all orders of government to make thoughtful investments in resilient infrastructure to address our changing climate and protect our citizens.

All governments must also make careful, deliberate decisions about economic development that do not undermine our province's access to, and stewardship of, our most precious natural resource: clean water. Expanding and permitting additional coal mining given its documented, significant impacts on watersheds does not align with this shared vision or with Albertans' clear expectations about conservation.

Alberta is facing numerous, significant risks to our prosperity and the way of life we all share on this land. Despite these challenges, indeed because of them, we must look to the future as we consider the real tradeoffs that exist in the decisions we must make as leaders. For these reasons, City Council urges you to fully abandon your government's continuing support for coal development on the Eastern Slopes of the Rocky Mountains.

Sincerely,

Naheed K. Nenshi
MAYOR

cc: City Council
Calgary Metropolitan Regional Board Members
The Hon. Jason Nixon, Minister of Environment and Parks
The Hon. Sonya Savage, Minister of Energy
The Hon. Ric Mclver, Minister of Municipal Affairs & Minister of Transportation



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Nahneed K. Nenshi, Mayor

April 19, 2021

The Honourable Sonya Savage
Minister of Energy, Deputy House Leader
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324 Legislature Building
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Dear Minister Savage,

Re: Coal Policy Engagement Survey Response from The City of Calgary

On behalf of The City of Calgary (The City), this letter accompanies our response to the online engagement survey on the modernization of the coal policy to help ensure Calgarians' interests are considered and protected.

The City strongly supports your government's decision to reinstate the 1976 coal policy and ban mountain top mining. However, The City is deeply concerned that the terms of reference for the Coal Policy Committee (the Committee) only focus on matters related to coal for which the Minister of Energy is responsible. This would focus on legislation that would include the *Coal Conservation Act* and the *Responsible Energy Development Act*. The City is concerned that this scope is too narrow and would preclude related discussions pertaining to water, which would fall under the *Water Act*, and land use planning which would fall under the *Alberta Land Stewardship Act*.

Management of coal resources needs to be considered in the broad context of the environment from which it is being extracted. To exclude the impacts of coal exploration and development on our landscape and watershed from the engagement and reporting process is shocking. The crux of the concern from the public, stakeholders, ranchers, First Nations and municipalities, is focused on the impact of coal exploration and development on water, watershed health, land use and the cumulative impacts on our environment. But the Committee, as constituted, excluded these considerations and instead narrowly focused its terms of reference on Albertans' current understanding of the coal policy, legislation, regulations, and under what conditions coal development could be supported.

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The City is committed to delivering high-quality, safe drinking water to the communities we serve and providing regional leadership for the proactive protection of the watersheds we rely on. Calgarians will be indirectly affected by coal mining in the Eastern Slopes through our connected watersheds, economic ties, and government relationships. The protection of the Eastern Slopes of the Rocky Mountains has been crucial for preserving water quantity and water quality for the prairies and across the Province.

The possible degradation of water quality and supply in this region due to coal exploration and development is unacceptable. The City continues to urge the Government of Alberta to stop all coal exploration and development activity in Category 2 lands until a much more robust public consultation process, with an appropriate scope, can be initiated and completed.

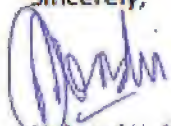
A vibrant economy, a healthy environment, and the continued well-being of those who call Alberta home are dependent on a secure provision of a safe and reliable water supply. Multiple and growing water users and needs must be considered in the context of land use compatibility, economic diversification, population growth, and climate change.

Due diligence and a robust process for consultation and land use planning needs to be taken to balance multiple considerations. Ensuring land use decisions in the Eastern Slopes include water supply, quality and allocation policy considerations and regional cumulative effects will be critical to mitigate the pressures on our water resources. The consultation process needs to ensure a holistic approach to protection of the watershed, ecosystems, wildlife and recreational opportunities in the headwaters of rivers that provide drinking water for Albertans.

It is critical that all perspectives and voices are heard in this consultation process. First Nations rights, traditional knowledge and land uses also need to be a priority for inclusion in engagement. As you create your more detailed approach to engagement on this critical matter to all Albertans, we urge a municipally focused engagement component and meaningful government to government consultation that can holistically consider the full range of impacts of coal development.

All Albertans and future generations are counting on their elected officials to get this right.

Sincerely,



Naheed K. Nenshi
MAYOR

Thank you for your work on this file.

cc: City Council
Hon. Jason Nixon, Minister of Environment and Parks
CMRB Members



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March 1, 2021

The Honourable Minister Sonya Savage

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Sent via email: minister.energy@gov.ab.ca

Dear Minister Savage,

RE: O'Chiese First Nation Position on Coal Mining in Alberta

This letter is sent on behalf of O'Chiese First Nation Chief and Council. The Chief and Council of O'Chiese First Nation have the elected authority and responsibility to protect the Inherent and Treaty Rights of O'Chiese First Nation. The rights of O'Chiese First Nation are set out in Treaty No. 6 and protected by Section 35, *Constitution Act, 1982*. The spirit and intent of Treaty is bound by the promise that we would be able to continue to live in accordance with O'Chiese First Nation's Great Binding Law know as *Kaa-KeChi-Ko-Moo-Nan* and through our own governance system with the land for time immemorial.

It is our understanding, in May 2020, the Ministry of Energy unilaterally rescinded the 44-year-old *Alberta Coal Development Policy* without consulting with First Nations or considering what impacts to our Inherent and Treaty rights would result. The revoking of a policy that had protected at least some areas of the Rocky Mountains from open-pit coal mines was made the Friday before a long weekend without public notice or input. This was unacceptable.

O'Chiese First Nation condemns the lack of meaningful consultation on a decision with potential impacts on O'Chiese First Nation's Inherent and Treaty Rights and our Great Binding Laws. While Minister Savage announced the temporary reinstatement of the 1976 *Coal Development Policy* (CDP) on February 8, 2021, this temporary reinstatement did not cancel any of the leases sold in the interim and thousands of hectares of unoccupied Crown land have been slated for exploration activity and eventual development that will negatively affect our rights.

O'Chiese First Nation would point out the original development and passage of the 1976 CDP was also done without consideration of impacts to O'Chiese First Nation rights. The 1976 CDP was implemented prior to formal constitutional protection of our rights in 1982. A complete review of the 1976 CDP is required, and not only the proposed changes or reversed changes to the Policy.

Ironically, the 1976 CDP land use classifications provide the only identifiable limit to coal mining and mountain top removal along the eastern slopes. The Information Letter 2020-23 justifying the cancellation of the CDP stated, "*The coal categories are no longer required for Alberta to effectively manage Crown coal leases, or the location of exploration and development activities, because of decades of improved policy, planning, and regulatory processes.*"¹ O'Chiese First Nation fundamentally disagrees with this statement. Based on our experience and involvement in duty to consult processes related to coal mining projects, properly identifying impacts to our rights, or raising the possibility of not approving a project under consideration is not possible within Alberta today.

Premier Kenney has already stated in November 2018 where he outlined both his view that Crown land is "unproductive" and his desire to sell Crown land in Alberta. Increase of metallurgic coal production is also a high priority for the GoA and your Ministry.² Your Ministry rescinded the 1976 CDP to encourage investment in coal exploration and development, aware that disturbance thresholds necessary for ensuring the continued exercise of treaty and Aboriginal rights are not in place.

Land use plans are not completed for the Upper Peace, Upper Athabasca, and North Saskatchewan. The land use plan for the South Saskatchewan region did not address whether mining should proceed or not, including for the Livingstone-Porcupine Hills Land Footprint Management Plan.

Landscape level land use planning must occur in partnership with First Nations where cumulative effects of environmental disturbance on the landscape are required. Project-specific assessments do not consider these issues and are almost deemed 'out of scope' of regulatory process for large projects under consideration in Alberta, including coal projects.

O'Chiese First Nation is in full support of the Blood Tribe and Siksika Nation legal challenge³ of this unilateral change to policy. O'Chiese First Nation will do whatever is necessary to protect our rights and our ability to uphold our laws.

O'Chiese First Nation requires a meaningful consultation process but will not bear the costs associated with identifying impacts to O'Chiese First Nation's Inherent and Treaty Rights from this change in policy. It is the Crown's responsibility to pay for this cost of consultation and impact identification associated with Crown decisions that potentially have an adverse effect on O'Chiese First Nation's Inherent and Treaty Rights.

O'Chiese First Nation now looks to Minister Savage and the GoA to revise their approach to consultation on this decision and demonstrate a commitment to consult with our Nation.

We remain available to discuss this matter.

¹ <https://inform.energy.gov.ab.ca/Documents/Published/IL-2020-23.pdf>

² <https://ablawg.ca/2021/02/15/coal-law-and-policy-in-alberta-part-three-was-the-public-rationale-for-rescinding-the-coal-policy-ever-convincing/>

³ <https://bloodtribe.org/index.php/2021/01/27/community-notice-blood-tribe-statement-on-coal-policy-january-28-2021/>

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'AS' with a horizontal line through it.

Andrew Scott
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February 10, 2021

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The Honorable Jason Nixon
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Dear Honorable Ministers,

RE: Coal Development Policy and Water License Allocation Policy

As Albertans we have been blessed with an abundance of natural resources including oil, gas, coal, clean water and air, fertile land and beautiful landscapes.

The Council of the M.D. of Willow Creek No. 26, along with other citizens, understands the benefits (good health care, new schools, well maintained roads and bridges, etc.) that arise through the development of natural resources that are found within our region and province. On the flip side, we also understand the economic consequence of not developing these resources.

As part of any responsible development process, critical examination and evaluation of the impacts on how and where natural resources are developed is essential. Also, legislation, policies, studies and risk factors must be clearly understood and communicated. Most importantly, the process must be transparent. All the aforementioned would be considered "good public practice".

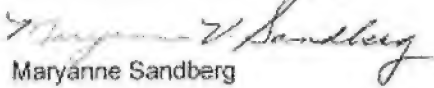
The M.D. of Willow Creek is concerned that good public practice was not followed by the Government of Alberta when it made changes to the 1976 Coal Development Policy and to water licensing allocations above the Oldman Reservoir. There were no public consultations over the proposed changes to the Coal Policy. Also, the process taken by the province regarding proposed developments insofar as information related to potential impacts to the air, water, wildlife and natural landscapes is not clearly understood. This lack of clarity and transparency has led to polarization and fractures within the community – leading to the fact that many citizens' confidence in the process has been broken.

Therefore, we ask that prior to the Province undertaking the process of reviewing any applications presently being considered, full transparency be undertaken to ensure clarity and to provide a full public debate so that a final decision on these applications is clearly understood.

Additionally, we would request the Government review their process as to amending the water license allocation policy for water users above the Oldman Reservoir. Again, open communication, clarity and transparency directly with affected parties regarding those water allocations should occur.

The Council of the M.D. of Willow Creek No. 26 looks forward to reviewing the information presented by all parties and will vigorously examine any future decision by the Province as regards the matters stated.

Sincerely, on behalf of Council,



Maryanne Sandberg
Reeve

Municipal District of Willow Creek No. 26

cc: The Honourable Jason Kenney – Premier of Alberta
Mr. Roger Reid – M.L.A. Livingstone Macleod
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The Council of the Municipal District of Pincher Creek No. 9
The Council of Foothills County
The Municipality of Crowsnest Pass

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February 10, 2021

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RE: Reinstatement of the 1976 Coal Development Policy

To Whom it may concern,

The Municipality of McCreary endorses and supports the reinstatement of the 1976 Coal Development Policy that as at June of 2020, the Government of Alberta rescinded the Coal Development Policy (Coal Policy) without adequate consultation with First Nations, environmental groups, residents, property owners and local governments.

The Municipality of McCreary supports the immediate Exploration Stop Work Order as well as the reinstatement of the Coal Policy for the Province of Alberta.

Signed

MUNICIPALITY of McCREARY



Mike Gawaziuk, Head of Council



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February 12, 2021

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Via Email

Dear Premier Kenney

Thank you to the Alberta Government for reinstating the 1976 Coal Policy. This is a good start but just the beginning.

The Government must stop any current permitted exploration of the land. It does not matter when they were given permission, it has an impact on the land.

Intense public consultation along with Municipalities on any changes must be undertaken. These changes affect a lot of people and businesses. They deserve an opportunity to evaluate all the information and give feedback.

A thorough analysis of potential watershed impacts must also be done before any development. Provincial maps show Category 2 lands where Province is allowing mines going into the Kananaskis where the headwaters of the Highwood River and Cataract Creek begin. We must not forget about the rivers and streams that start at the Crowsnest Pass. These waterways supply water for people/businesses in southern Alberta.

The Government has been promising strict regulatory standards for mine development. How will this be done with cuts being made to the Environmental Monitoring Plan? There have been high levels of Selenium shown in rivers by mines up north, but nothing was done. Tailing ponds should not be anywhere near waterways. Increased scrutiny needs to be done in the future with strong penalties for the offenders.

The UCP needs to step back, stop all development, and do a lot more work before proceeding with this. The Coal policy should also be brought into legislation requiring more oversight before any changes would be made. The public will remain vigilant in watching what is happening. If is not over.

Best regards,

Kathie Wight
Mayor
Village of Longview

cc: Sonya Savage, Minister of Energy
Jason Nixon, Minister of Environment and Parks



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

CITY OF *Lethbridge*

February 17th, 2021

The Honourable Jason Kenney, Premier
Province of Alberta
Email: premier@gov.ab.ca

Dear Premier Kenney:

**RE: Protection for the Rocky Mountains - Eastern Slopes and Watersheds
Surface Coal Mining in Southwest Alberta – Grassy Mountain Project**

On behalf of Lethbridge City Council, I'd like to express our appreciation for the recent decision by the Government of Alberta to re-instate the 1976 Coal Policy.

As was clearly expressed by the public response to news that surface mining projects were slated for development at the headwaters of the Oldman River in the Crowsnest Pass, the protection of our water resource and natural landscapes in southwest Alberta are of paramount importance to the City of Lethbridge and indeed all Albertans.

We request that the Government of Alberta take the following measures in regards to any current and all future coal mining projects on the eastern slopes:

1. Bring forward a comprehensive public consultation on any proposed changes to the 1976 policy; and
2. Complete a thorough and complete analysis of potential watershed impacts that will result from allocating water to mining operations that could impact the supply of water to existing and future downstream users;
 - a. Complete a thorough and complete analysis of potential water quality impacts from mining operations, including but not limited to, higher levels of selenium in the river systems; and
 - b. Complete a thorough and complete analysis of the effectiveness of selenium mitigation technologies; and

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- c. Commit to ongoing monitoring and testing for selenium levels in Alberta river systems. Establish selenium thresholds for water safety and procedures to cease mining operations when thresholds are exceeded; and
3. Lethbridge City Council also asks the Government of Alberta to review the *Mine Financial Security Program* to ensure that it is properly financed to ensure reclamation of any project that may go ahead, so Albertans don't end up with another abandoned well program and/or if the environmental issues are not dealt with in advance, that there is money to do proper clean-up; and
4. Lethbridge City Council request a full stop on any and all Water Allocation amendments, including those to the Oldman Basin Water Allocation Order, pending Public Consultation on a new Alberta Coal Policy and comprehensive review of the potential watershed impacts on the Oldman Basin; and
5. Lethbridge City Council voices support on the Stop Work Orders for all existing exploration.

Please find attached an excerpt from the Minutes of the City Council Meeting held on Tuesday, February 9th, 2021 indicating a unanimous vote by City Council to reaffirm our position on this matter.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chris Spearman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Chris Spearman, Mayor
City of Lethbridge

Copies to:

The Honourable Sonya Savage, Minister of Energy
The Honourable Jason Nixon, Minister of the Environment and Parks
The Honourable Jonathan Wilkinson,
Federal Minister of the Environment and Climate Change
Nathan Neudorf, MLA Lethbridge East
Rachael Harder, MP, Lethbridge
Lethbridge City Council
Craig Dalton, City Manager

Excerpt from Minutes

City Council Meeting held Tuesday, February 9, 2021

S.R. Miyashiro/B.A. Crowson:

WHEREAS Lethbridge is downstream from the proposed mining site and gets its water from the Oldman River and whereas these proposed projects have the potential of affecting the water in the entire Oldman Watershed; and

WHEREAS Lethbridge's and southern Alberta's economy and jobs may be impacted long-term if water quality issues affect the quality of our irrigation water and the reputation of our agri-food processing hubs may be damaged for years; and

WHEREAS Lethbridge and surrounding communities obtain their drinking water from the Oldman River and do not have the ability, as other communities affected by selenium pollution do, of digging a new well or finding a new source of water; and

WHEREAS there is at present, little scientific information on how to address selenium at the water treatment level; and

WHEREAS there are growing concerns among other southern Alberta communities;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT City Council support other communities in their efforts, and direct the Mayor to write a letter to Premier Kenney, including the Ministers of Environment and Energy, and the **Federal Minister of Environment and Climate Change – the Honourable Johnathan Wilkinson**, asking the Provincial Government to:

1. Thank the Government of Alberta for re-instating the 1976 Coal Policy; and
2. Bring forward a comprehensive public consultation on proposed changes to the 1976 policy; and
3. Complete a thorough and complete analysis of potential watershed impacts that will result from allocating water to mining operations that could impact the supply of water to existing and future downstream users;

- a. Complete a thorough and complete analysis of potential water quality impacts from mining operations, including but not limited to, higher levels of selenium in the river systems; and
 - b. Complete a thorough and complete analysis of the effectiveness of selenium mitigation technologies; and
 - c. Commit to ongoing monitoring and testing for selenium levels in Alberta river systems. Establish selenium thresholds for water safety and procedures to cease mining operations when thresholds are exceeded; and
4. Ask the Government of Alberta to review the Mine Financial Security Program to ensure that it is properly financed to ensure reclamation of any project that may go ahead so Albertans don't end up with another abandoned well program and/or if the environmental issues are not dealt with in advance, that there is money to do proper clean-up; and
 5. Request a full stop on any and all Watershed Water Allocation amendments, including those in the Oldman Watershed, pending Public Consultation on a new Alberta Coal Policy and comprehensive review of the potential watershed impacts on the Oldman Basin; and
 6. Voice support on the Stop Work Orders for all existing exploration; and
 7. Invite the MLA – Lethbridge East, Nathan Neudorf, MLA – Lethbridge West, Shannon Phillips and the Member of Parliament for Lethbridge, Rachael Harder to a conversation with Council on these matters, and to forward a copy of the letter to them.

In Favour: C.A. Spearman, S.R. Miyashiro, B.E. Hyggen, A.M. Campbell, J.H. Carlson, J.A. Coffman, B.A. Crowson, J.P. Mauro, R.K. Parker

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Office of Mayor Young



March 15, 2021

The Honourable Jason Kenney
MLA Calgary- Lougheed,
Premier of the Province of Alberta.

Hon. Jason Nixon
Minister of Alberta Environment and Parks
323 Legislature Building
10800 – 97 Avenue
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Hon. Sonya Savage
Minister of Energy
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Dear Premier Kenney, Minister Nixon, and Minister Savage,

Subject: Coal Policy and Consultation

City of Leduc Council recently received recommendations from the Leduc Environmental Advisory Board regarding recent developments with respect to the provincial coal policy and the issues surrounding open-pit mining projects throughout the province.

Despite the reinstatement of the 1976 provincial policy, *A Coal Development Policy for Alberta*, we understand that some coal exploration is proceeding with the potential to negatively affect water quality, water quantity, biodiversity, natural areas and wildlife, leading to broader implications for the social and economic well-being of citizens. The City has also heard concerns regarding the potential implications of current and future coal policies on the North Saskatchewan River Watershed, which is the drinking water source for the City of Leduc.

On behalf of City of Leduc council, I'm requesting the Government of Alberta pause all current and future coal exploration on the eastern slopes of the Rocky Mountains pending a comprehensive public consultation.

I'm also requesting an opportunity for the City of Leduc to provide input to the recently announced coal policy consultation process at both the political and administrative levels.



Office of Mayor Young



Thank you for consideration, and we look forward to working with you on this important issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Young".

Bob Young
Mayor Young on behalf of City Council

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February 9, 2021

Honourable Jason Nixon
Minister of Alberta Environment and Parks, House Leader
Office of the Minister
Environment & Parks
323 Legislature Building
10800 – 97 Avenue
Edmonton, AB T5K 2B6

RE: Reinstatement of the 1976 Coal Development Policy

Dear Minister:

The Town of Cochrane was pleased to learn of the Government of Alberta's decision to reinstate the 1976 coal policy. This decision reflects the value of the democratic process in action.

This policy, which has been in place since 1976, defines the coal development process, including exploration rights, coal leases, royalties, prices and marketing. The policy also includes four land use categories delineating the Eastern Slopes of the Rocky Mountains. The lands upstream of Cochrane's water treatment plant covered by the Coal Policy are identified as Category 1 lands in which no exploration or commercial development will be permitted.

It is our understanding that the Province is planning to change the activity designations in the Oldman River basin, thereby increasing allocation for industrial use. Water allocation in the South Saskatchewan River Basin remains a high priority for Cochrane, and many of the municipalities participating in the Calgary Metropolitan Region Board (CMRB). CMRB member municipalities have committed to participating and supporting collaborative, sustainable regional planning through the CMRB's growth and servicing plans.

Thank you for allowing Albertans to be heard on this important subject and your commitment to conducting a comprehensive public consultation on the desired changes to the coal policy and completing a thorough analysis of potential watershed impacts.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,

Mayor Jeff Genung



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January 28, 2021

Honourable Jason Kenney
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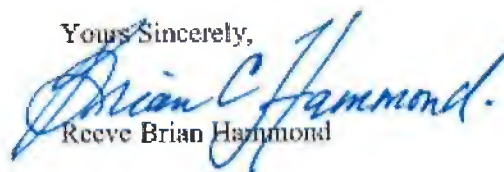
Dear Premier Kenney,

Council for the MD of Pincher Creek, at their meeting of January 26, 2021, discussed various concerns from the public in our community regarding potential impacts of coal mining in the Eastern Slopes. Council is requesting the immediate reinstatement of the June 15, 1976 Coal Development Policy for Alberta, which was rescinded on June 1, 2020.

We also strongly further request that the Government of Alberta begin public consultation with all stakeholders in Alberta on any proposed revision or replacement to this policy.

In closing, our Council looks forward to the engagement of stakeholders, other municipalities and Provincial Departments as this process moves towards a broader public consultation. Please contact our office to ensure Council and our residents can continue to be involved in this process.

Yours Sincerely,


Reeve Brian Hammond

cc:

Environment & Parks Minister Honourable Jason Nixon
Energy Minister Honourable Sonya Savage
MLA for Livingstone-Macleod Roger Reid
Town of Pincher Creek
Municipality of the Crowsnest Pass
MD of Ranchland
MD of Willow Creek
Cardston County
Piikani Nation

Resort Village of Kannata Valley



February 26, 2021

The Honourable Jason Kenney, Premier of Alberta
Office of the Premier
307 Legislature Building
10800 – 97 Avenue
Edmonton, Alberta T5K 2B6

To the Honourable Jason Kenney

Re: Re-instatement of the 1976 Coal Development Policy

Kannata Valley is one of the many Saskatchewan Resort Villages located along Last Mountain Lake. Last Mountain Lake is a popular tourist destination hosting a million-dollar sportfishing industry, as well as being a major recreational lake for cottage owners and visitors alike. We must protect, and wherever possible, improve the quality of the lake water for the benefit of all lake users.

One of our mandates as a council for the Resort Village of Kannata Valley is to support and work to ensure the preservation of Last Mountain Lake and that of all valuable water resources, as well as ensuring access to clean drinking water.

Therefore, the council of the Resort Village of Kannata Valley by way of this letter wish to voice their full support of resolution RRC 14-2021 adopted by the Town of High River which reads as follows:

WHEREAS Council adopted resolution RRC 14-2021 requesting the Province of Alberta immediately re-instate the 1976 Coal Development Policy;

AND WHEREAS coal exploration and open-pit mining will impact water resources for downstream communities affecting businesses, residents, ranchers, farmers and ecosystems;

AND WHEREAS coal exploration is causing irreparable damage to the landscapes and watersheds as well as adversely affecting the public's access, use and enjoyment of Crown lands on the Eastern Slopes of Alberta;

AND WHEREAS local First Nations groups, municipalities, landowners and ranchers are legally challenging the Province's reinstatement of the 1976 Coal Policy in the Courts;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council request all coal exploration be immediately ceased on the Eastern Slopes of Alberta and cease issuance of any new exploration permits on the Eastern Slopes of Alberta until public consultation has taken place regarding the future of coal mining on the Eastern Slopes of Alberta;

AND THAT Council request the Government of Alberta & Premier Jason Kenney issue an immediate stop-work order for all existing coal exploration permits on the Eastern Slopes of Alberta and cease issuance of any new exploration permits on the Eastern Slopes of Alberta until public consultation has taken place regarding the future of coal mining on the Eastern Slopes of Alberta;

AND THAT Council direct Administration to investigate legal options relating to the damage caused due to exploration on Alberta's Eastern Slopes;

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AND FURTHER THAT Council direct Administration to prepare a letter with a copy of this resolution to all members of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, Alberta Urban Municipalities Association, Rural Municipalities of Alberta, Municipalities of Saskatchewan, Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities and Association of Manitoba Municipalities requesting their support to re-instate the 1976 Coal Development Policy

Respectfully

Darlene Sytnick
Chief Administrative Officer
Resort Village of Kamriata Valley



March 26, 2021

Honourable Premier Jason Kenney
Office of the Premier
307 Legislature Building
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Email: premier@gov.ab.ca

Dear Honourable Premier Jason Kenney:

RE: The 1976 Coal Policy and Possible Impacts to the Eastern Slopes

Clearwater County Council thanks the Government of Alberta for listening to Albertans and following through with what was heard by reinstating the 1976 Coal Policy. We also thank you for committing to further public consultations on coal mining. Meaningful engagement with Albertans and First Nations is key in determining the path forward. We encourage the Province to consider both public input and feedback on shaping the government's decisions on coal development in Alberta.

Since the beginning of 2021, Council received numerous emails, letters and phone calls from concerned residents, businesses, conservation associations and environmental organizations. Council also received five delegations that presented compelling information on the health and environmental impact of coal mining, as well as concerns with impacts on the County's economic tourism development in the Eastern Slopes region of the Rocky Mountains.

Clearwater County is a major stakeholder within this area, referred to as the West County, as it is the largest developer – currently holding title to 1,435 acres in the hamlet of Nordegg. The West County attracts a high number of visitors to recreation areas in which Nordegg is considered as the only service hub.

Clearwater County residents are concerned with the impact of coal mining on tourism, local residents and businesses, and the County's long-term investment in the development of Nordegg.

The West Country is also an area that holds important headwater sources that require protection from damaging contaminants, overuse, and environmental destruction. Residents are also concerned that coal mining will result in irreparable ruin of these very sensitive areas.

Council recognizes that Category 2 lands, as identified in the 1976 Coal Policy, surrounding Nordegg is out of the County's land use jurisdiction. It also recognizes that the Province has industry regulations to ensure environmentally responsible development of coal mining. However, Council asks that the Province consider the following in its decision-making regarding coal development on Category 2 lands:

- **Extensive** consultations with the public, First Nations and other stakeholders on the Coal Policy.
- The potential conflict between coal mining and economic tourism recreation development within the area.
- Risks to residents' health and local business development.
- Negative impacts to sensitive environmental areas and watersheds from coal exploration and/or development.
- Impact of fewer resources and tighter timelines on Alberta Energy Regulator's ability to thoroughly review coal project applications.

Council appreciates the challenges facing the Province in balancing economic growth with environmental protection. It is understood that Alberta is facing unprecedented economic difficulties due to the COVID-19 pandemic and a downturn in the oil and gas industry. It is also clear that recovery will take time and determination. However, Council encourages the Province to carefully consider all impacts and effects, along with the benefits, when carefully designing and enacting policy for coal development.

Thank you for your consideration in this important matter. Should you wish further information from Clearwater County Council, please contact our CAO, Rick Emmons at 403-845-4444 of remmons@clearwatercounty.ca

Sincerely,



Cammie Laird
Reeve

cc Honourable Jason Nixon, Minister of Environment & Parks
 Honourable Sonya Savage, Minister of Energy
 Rural Municipalities of Alberta

April 9, 2021

The Honorable Sonya Savage
Minister of Energy, Deputy House Leader
324 Legislature Building
10800 - 97 Avenue
Edmonton, AB T5K 2B6

Dear Minister Savage:

RE: Concerns Regarding Coal Policy Development

Concerns have been raised by residents of the City of Camrose regarding the development of a new provincial coal policy and the potential for coal mining in the eastern slopes of the Rocky Mountains.

Although the provincial government reinstated the 1976 Coal Development Policy on February 8, 2021, residents in Camrose and other municipalities throughout Alberta remain apprehensive about the impacts new coal development may have, particularly on water quality and supply in the areas impacted by any potential coal development. The City has received correspondence from residents stating their opposition to any coal development in the eastern slopes of the Rocky Mountains that may arise from a newly implemented provincial policy, and their support for maintaining high quality water supplies and preserving the landscape surrounding the eastern slopes.

The City understands that the provincial government is currently undertaking a consultation effort with Albertans, to ensure that their voices are heard and a wide range of input and experiences can be considered in developing a new coal policy. We would like to urge the provincial government to carefully listen to and consider all of the input provided to ensure that the new policy reflects the best interests of the province and the people who call Alberta home. We would also like to call upon the provincial government to ensure that the consultation and engagement process is carried out in a transparent and comprehensive manner.

Yours Truly,
CITY OF CAMROSE


Norman Mayer
Mayor

City of Camrose, 5204 - 50 Avenue

-----Original Message-----

From: John Borrowman <John.Borrowman@canmore.ca>

Sent: February 11, 2021 8:21 AM

To: Louise Albert <LAAlbert@highriver.ca>

Cc: Council <council@canmore.ca>

Subject: RE: Reinstatement of the 1976 Coal Development Policy

Dear Ms. Albert,

Thank you for your email with the attached letter from Mayor Snodgrass expressing concerns with respect to the Provincial Government's earlier decision to rescind the 1976 Coal Policy. At our February 2nd council meeting, Council unanimously approved a motion to add our voice to those calling for the Premier to reconsider this decision (attached).

It would appear that the government has responded to the broadly based feedback from the electorate on this matter by reinstating the policy.

With my best regards;

Mayor John Borrowman

Town of Canmore

403.678.1517 office

403.678.8421 cell

-----Original Message-----

From: Louise Albert <LAAlbert@highriver.ca>

Sent: February 3, 2021 11:46 AM

To: Online <online@canmore.ca>

Subject: Reinstatement of the 1976 Coal Development Policy

Good Morning,

Please see attached letter with respect to the Reinstatement of the 1976 Coal Development Policy

If you have any questions please contact our Manager of Legislative Services, Kara Rusk

(krusk@highriver.ca or 403.603.3652)

Thank you,

Louise Albert on behalf of Mayor Craig Snodgrass

Executive Assistant to the CAO

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February 4, 2021

Premier Jason Kenney
Office of the Premier
307 Legislature Building
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Sent via email: premier@gov.ab.ca

RE: 1976 Coal Policy

Honourable Premier Kenney,

The 1976 Coal Policy has been providing protection to some of the most important areas in our province for decades. Specifically, the Eastern Slopes of the Canadian Rockies – from southern Alberta north to the Jasper region.

This policy, approved by the government of Premier Lougheed decades ago, was developed through a process that included significant opportunities for public engagement.

Municipal governments are legally obliged – under provincial legislation – to engage with our residents in meaningful ways before approving (or rescinding) high level visionary plans. We believe that the Provincial Government should apply the same rigor when considering changes to well established policies, and certainly when planning to rescind such an important guiding document as the 1976 Coal Policy.

As well, the Town of Canmore's primary industry is Tourism, and we are keenly aware that the province has stated their intent to double provincial revenues from the Tourism sector to \$20B. It is concerning that changes to the Alberta landscape that help attract visitors to our region may ultimately have a negative effect on Tourism within our province.

Town of Canmore Council respectfully asks the provincial government to reinstate the 1976 Coal Policy and engage in adequate public consultation before making a final decision with regard to this policy.

On behalf of Canmore Town Council,

Mayor John Borrowman
Town of Canmore

cc via email: *Miranda Rosin, MLA Banff-Kananaskis*
Jason Nixon, Minister of Environment and Parks



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March 8, 2021

Hon. Jason Kenney
Premier
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Hon. Sonya Savage
Minister of Energy
324 Legislature Building
10800 - 97 Avenue
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Dear Premier and Minister Savage,

1976 COAL POLICY

I am writing on behalf of Council to request that your government begin public consultation on the 1976 Coal Policy, also known as the Lougheed Policy.

We feel it is important that before further decisions about the policy are made, that all stakeholders are consulted thoroughly. The previous government did not do this for its disastrous Bighorn proposal, and we feel public consultation is the most fair, transparent way to proceed before any revisions or replacements are made.

As you are aware, public reaction to your government's cancellation of the 1976 policy was swift and negative. We ask that you refrain from making further important decisions like this without consulting the public. As a stakeholder, Brazeau County has a keen interest in the economic and environmental effects of coal mining on the Eastern Slopes, and our Council would want all relevant information before taking a stance on potential policy changes. Further, we'd expect our feedback to be taken into account in the decision-making process.

We welcome an opportunity to participate in any consultation on the policy, to ensure Brazeau County's residents are represented. Please do not hesitate to call me at 780-542-0999 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Bart Guyon
Reeve, Brazeau County

cc: Mark Smith, Drayton Valley-Devon MLA



FOOTHILLS COUNTY

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January 27, 2021

The Honourable Jason Kenney
Premier of Alberta
Legislature Building
307 – 10800 - 97 Avenue
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Dear Premier Kenney,

Re: Coal Development Policy and Legislation for Alberta

On January 27, 2021, Foothills County Council passed the following motion:

"MOVED that a letter be sent to Premier Kenney respectfully requesting that the Province of Alberta commit to developing legislation that would replace the Coal Development Policy for Alberta".

Since 1976, residents of the County relied on the Coal Development Policy and other Government policies to protect sensitive areas in Alberta. Premier Lougheed took measures to protect the area for all and in Foothills County, Kananaskis had four major access points that were improved so everyday Albertans could access trails and campgrounds that had been developed. We believe that Albertans take pride in how this area, so close to Calgary, is being used and support the controlled harvest of the timber as well as cattle grazing in many parts of K-Country.

In order to protect the area west of the County and all sensitive areas that may be subject to mining, the absence of clear policy and legislation for the area raises concerns with Foothills residents regarding the water quality and allocation in the headwaters, as well as the loss of our mountain vistas, grasslands and wildlife habitats.

We urgently request that your Government undertake a consultative process with Albertans towards clearly outlining, in policy and legislation, protection for K-Country, our watersheds and other areas that affect the lives and enjoyment of everyday Albertans.

Should you require further information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at 403.931.2711 or email at Suzanne.Oel@FoothillsCountyAB.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Suzanne Oel". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Suzanne" and the last name "Oel" clearly legible.

Suzanne Oel
Reeve

Cc: Hon. Jason Nixon, Minister of Environment and Parks
Hon. Sonya Savage, Minister of Energy, Deputy House Leader
John Barlow, MP Foothills
RJ Sigurdson, MLA Highwood
Roger Reid, MLA Livingstone-Macleod
Miranda Rosin, MLA Banff-Kananaskis
Mayor Bill Robertson, Town of Okotoks
Mayor Craig Snodgrass, Town of High River
Mayor Ruth Goodwin, Town of Black Diamond
Mayor Barry Crane, Town of Turner Valley



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TOWN OF HIGH RIVER

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

February 8th, 2021

Office of the Mayor
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Attention: Mayor Craig Snodgrass

RE: Reinstatement of the 1976 Coal Development Policy

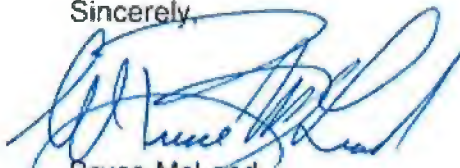
Thank you for your letter dated February 3rd, 2021 requesting support for your resolutions regarding the reinstatement of the 1976 Coal Development Policy.

The following motion was passed by the Village of Acme Council at our February 8th, 2021 Regular Council meeting:

"that a letter be sent to High River in support of their position in regard to requesting the Provincial Government of Alberta to reinstate the 1976 Coal Development Policy and stop the surface mining on the Eastern Slopes of the Rockies. A cc of the letter will go to the Minister of Energy Sonya Savage, Minister of Environment & Parks Jason Nixon, as well as our MLA the Honourable Speaker of the House Nathan Cooper".

We strongly agree that the Government of Alberta begin public consultation with Indigenous groups, environmental groups and all stakeholders in Alberta on any proposed revisions or replacement to this policy.

Sincerely,



Bruce McLeod
Mayor

Cc/ Minister Sonya Savage
Minister Jason Nixon
Speaker Nathan Cooper



TOWN OF ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE

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June 2, 2021

Alberta Coal Policy Committee
c/o Minister of Energy, Deputy House
Office of the Minister, Energy
324 Legislature Building
10800 -97 Avenue
Edmonton, AB T5K 2B6

Email: energy.coalpolicy@gov.ab.ca

RE: OPEN-PIT COAL MINING IN THE EASTERN SLOPES

Dear Coal Policy Committee,

As a municipality located within the eastern slopes of the Rocky Mountains, our municipality is directly impacted by any decisions regarding Open-Pit Coal Mining in our region. As leaders and representatives of our community, we urge the Coal Policy Committee to implement and adhere to a thorough process in consideration of any Coal Mining. We understand and have participated in the online engagement opportunity that has been presented, however, to ensure this process captures relevant data and feedback, we encourage you to ensure extensive and direct consultation, including collecting scientific and other data regarding environmental considerations, a cost/benefit analysis, and a review of and possibly amendments to, enforcement practices and regulations for environmental protection.

Extensive consultation with the public, First Nations and industry is necessary to collect a balanced and diverse understanding of the needs and opinions of our stakeholders. These varied perspectives provide opportunities for new ideas, builds trust and supports the ideals of transparency. Policy development, based on this input, is extremely important in making relevant, responsive and sustainable decisions that will improve the livability of our region and province, while also enhancing the quality of the decisions being made.

Considerations for the environmental impacts, including land disruption, water quality, air quality and potential health impacts to humans and wildlife, should be included in the process, as the relationship between our environment and sustainable development has never been more important. We encourage that scientific research be incorporated with the cultural, social and value-based aspirations of our citizens.

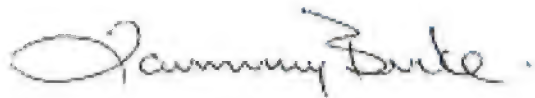
A cost and benefit analysis encompassing employment in the industry, economic revenue, and the effect on tourism and potential recreational development, ought to be considered. Any decision regarding Open-Pit Coal Mining should also consider the potential impact on our beautiful and pristine, natural and culturally rich region, popular for those who enjoy outdoor pursuits such as camping, hiking, canoeing and fishing.

Finally, the enforcement of environmental protection practices and regulations should be reviewed. As Rocky Mountain House is home to the headwaters of the North Saskatchewan River, it is necessary for us to protect this vital water source. Our environment, including our headwater, is a most important resource for all of us, including those generations that follow. Protection is therefore paramount, so regulatory authorities should ensure compliance with regulations through enforcement, to reduce the risk of any contamination activities, with penalties that serve as a deterrent and with assurances of penalties for any breaches.

Council of the Town of Rocky Mountain House believes that a transparent, accountable, collaborative and regulatory approach, that is subject to extensive consultation, environmental considerations, a cost benefit analysis and a review of regulatory processes and regulations, will ultimately lead to the best decision regarding these proposed developments.

If you have any questions, I can be reached at tburke@rockymtnhouse.com or by phone at 403-846-8129. Alternately, you may contact our Chief Administrative Officer, Dean Krause at dkrause@rockymtnhouse.com or by phone at 403-844-3431.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Tammy Burke". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "T" and a trailing flourish.

Mayor Tammy Burke

CC: Honourable Jason Nixon, Minister of Environment and Parks, MLA for Rimbey-Rocky Mountain House- Sundre
Honorable Sonya Savage, Minister of Energy
Town Council
Town of High River, Mayor and Council
CAO, Dean Krause

Our rationale for the three principles of the Alberta Coal Restriction Policy are as follows:

1. The inherent value of the Eastern Slopes only exists with the landscape remaining intact.
2. The headwaters and landscapes of the Eastern Slopes are critical to the future of our province. Our communities, agriculture production, food production, tourism, and recreation all rely on these landscapes existing and their watersheds producing clean water. Water is a limited resource that we all require to exist. The Town is strongly opposed to any activity that increases the likelihood of water contamination. Once a waterway has been contaminated by coal mining, this action cannot be reversed. Our future generations depend on us protecting this resource.
3. The negative impacts on the environment, human health, animal health and existing economies far outweigh the new jobs, taxes, royalties or economics that may be generated as a result of coal development in this area.

The Town will collect all feedback received and report back to the Coal Policy Committee in July 2021.

If you are in support of the proposed policy wording, please send a signed letter to myself or acknowledge your support utilizing the endorsement below. Please send all letters and feedback to csnodgrass@highriver.ca, with a copy to legislativeservices@highriver.ca no later than July 15, 2021.

I will then present this policy to the Coal Policy Committee along with the feedback received. If you are interested in participating in the presentation of this policy to the Coal Policy Committee, please contact me at the above noted email address.

Thank you for considering supporting this important initiative.

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Sincerely,



Craig Snodgrass
Mayor
Cell: 403.652.9489

CS/cp/kr

Endorsement of Support

On behalf of the City/Town/Village of

Lethbridge County

I, LORNE HICKEY

, can advise that the City/Town/Village of

Lethbridge County

supports the proposed Alberta Coal Restriction Policy as prepared above.



Signature

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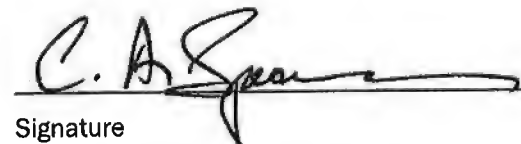
LETHBRIDGE

I, CHRIS SPERMAN, MAYOR OF LETHBRIDGE

, can advise that the City Town/Village of

LETHBRIDGE

supports the proposed Alberta Coal Restriction Policy as prepared above.


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Endorsement of Support

On behalf of the City/Town/Village of

Longview

I, Kathie Wight

, can advise that the City/Town/Village of

Longview

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Kathie Wight Mayor

Signature

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CS/cp/kr

Endorsement of Support

On behalf of the M.D of Ranchland No. 66,

I Ron Davis, Reeve, can advise that the M.D. of
Ranchland No. 66 supports the proposed Alberta
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Ron Davis, Reeve

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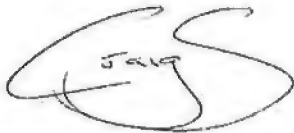
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CS/cp/kr

Endorsement of Support

On behalf of the

Town of Turner Valley

I, Mayor Barry Crane

can advise that the

Town of Turner Valley

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CS/cp/kr

Endorsement of Support

On behalf of the City/Town/Village of

STANLEY

I, GENTLY HALL

, can advise that the City/Town/Village of

STANLEY

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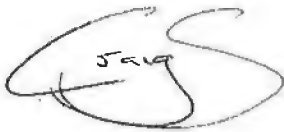
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CS/cp/kr

Endorsement of Support

On behalf of the City/Town/Village of

Warburg

I, Kevin Maine

, can advise that the City/Town/Village of

Warburg

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CS/cp/kr

Endorsement of Support

On behalf of the City/Town/Village of

Grimshaw

I, Mayor Bob Regal

, can advise that the City/Town/Village of

Grimshaw

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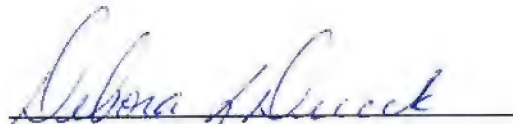
OF TUCFIELD

I, Hebora Decker, Mayor

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Endorsement of Support

On behalf of the City/Town/Village of

VEGRIE VILLE

I, MAYOR TIM MACPHEE

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CS/cp/kr

Endorsement of Support

On behalf of the City/Town/Village of

Town of Hanna

I, Chris Warwick

, can advise that the City/Town/Village of

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CS/cp/kr

Endorsement of Support

On behalf of the City/Town/Village of

COALHURST

I, MAYOR DENNIS CASSIE

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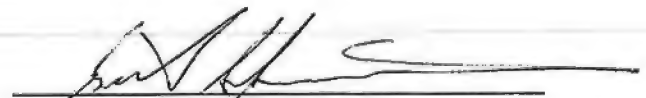
Lamont

I, Bill Skinner

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Endorsement of Support

On behalf of the City/Town/Village of

County of St. Paul

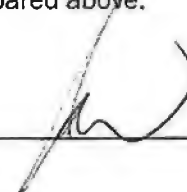
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CS/cp/kr

Endorsement of Support

On behalf of the City/Town/Village of

County of Forty Mile No. 8

I, Steve Wikkerink

, can advise that the City/Town/Village of

County of Forty Mile No. 8

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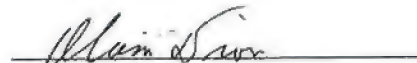
On behalf of the City/Town/Village of

Village of Girouxville
I, Alain Dion, Mayor

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CS/cp/kr

Endorsement of Support

On behalf of the City/Town/Village of

High River
I, Colleen Powell

, can advise that the City/Town/Village of

Athabasca

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Colleen Powell
Signature Mayor, Town of Athabasca

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Sincerely,



Craig Snodgrass
Mayor
Cell: 403.652.9489

CS/cp/kr

Endorsement of Support

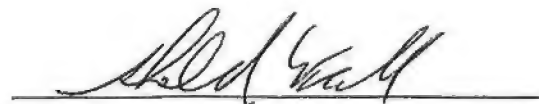
On behalf of the City/Town/Village of

Milo
I, Sheldon Walker, Deputy Mayor

, can advise that the City/Town/Village of

Milo

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Endorsement of Support

On behalf of the City/Town/Village of

WEMBLEY
I, CHRIS TURNMINE (Mayor)

, can advise that the City/Town/Village of

WEMBLEY

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Mayor
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CS/cp/kr

Endorsement of Support

On behalf of the City/Town/Village of

Calmar

I, Mayor Wally Yachimek

, can advise that the City/Town/Village of

Calmar

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Endorsement of Support

On behalf of the City/Town/Village of

Lundbreck
I, Denise Wall

supports the proposed ~~AB~~ Coal
restriction Policy as prepared
above.

Denise Wall

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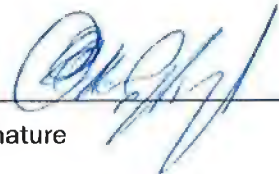
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SANDY BEACH
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, can advise that the City/Town/Village of

SV SANDY BEACH

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CS/cp/kr

Endorsement of Support

On behalf of the City/Town/Village of

ELNORA

I, SHARON WESGATE, CAO

, can advise that the City/Town/Village of

ELNORA

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CS/cp/kr

Endorsement of Support

On behalf of the City/Town/Village of

Smith's Landing First Nation
1. Chief Gerry Cheezie

, can advise that the City/Town/Village of

Fort Fitzgerald High River, AB

supports the proposed Alberta Coal Restriction Policy as prepared above.

Chief Gerry Cheezie
Signature
2021/06/17

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CS/cp/kr

Endorsement of Support

On behalf of the City/Town/Village of

Lubicon Lake Band #453
I, Chief Billy Joe Laboucan

, can advise that the City/Town/Village of

Lubicon Lake Band #453

supports the proposed Alberta Coal Restriction Policy as prepared above.



Signature

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Endorsement of Support

On behalf of Livingstone Landowners Group

I, Norma Dougall

advise that we

LLG

support the proposed Alberta Coal Restriction Policy as shown above.

Norma Dougall

Signature

VP, Livingstone Landowners Group.

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Endorsement of Support

On behalf of this organization/business

The Pekisko Group

I, (print name)

Rachel Herbert

advise that we

The Pekisko Group

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CS/cp/kr

Endorsement of Support

On behalf of the Organization of
Boundary Creek Landowners Association,
I, Shane Hansen
, can advise that the Organization of
Boundary Creek Landowners Association
supports the proposed Alberta Coal Restriction
Policy as prepared above.



Signature

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CS/cp/kr

Endorsement of Support

On behalf of this organization/business
Alberta Backcountry Hunters & Anglers

I, (print name)
Neil Keown

advise that we

support the proposed Alberta Coal Restriction
Policy as shown above.



Signature



Alberta Hiking Association

June 23, 2021

The Mayor (csnodgrass@highriver.ca)

Cc: (legislativeservices@highriver.ca)

High River, AB.

Dear Mr. Snodgrass;

The Alberta Hiking Association fully supports your proposal to exclude future coal activities in the Eastern Slopes region! I attach a copy of our recent letter to the Coal Policy Committee which is in accord with your proposal.

Thank you for taking this leadership role in this important provincial policy review!

Don Cockerton

Chair, Alberta Hiking Association

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Endorsement of Support

On behalf of this organization/business
Water Not Coal Society

I, (print name)
Lee-Anne Murakami

advise that we
Water Not Coal Society

support the proposed Alberta Coal Restriction
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x Lee-Anne Murakami
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Endorsement of Support

On behalf of this organization/business
Bow River Trout Foundation

I, (print name)

David Blair

advise that we

Fully

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David Blair

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Endorsement of Support

On behalf of this organization/business

Fish Tales Fly Shop

I, (print name)

David Blair (owner)

advise that we

Fully

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David Blair

Signature

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*The attached signatures
are from teachers
and students from
J S Foster School
Hanton, AB.*

Endorsement of Support

On behalf of this organization/business

RENIE BLADES
I, (print name)

ROCKING P RANCH
advise that we

support the proposed Alberta Coal Restriction
Policy as shown above.

Signature

Mac Blades Renie Blades

Renie Blades *Vaughan Kennedy*

Cole and Janae Blades have done a lot of work opposing open pit coal mines in the eastern slopes of the Rockies.

They have been on video clips, CTV, CBC, and Global news speaking against open pit coal mines. They have our support in asking for signatures on the letter from Craig Snodgrass, mayor of High River.

The letter is self explanatory, however if you require more information please call - Janie Blades - 403-646-5753.

Students of J.T. Foster School

Tyler Wideman

William Scott ~~Top~~ Scott

Mr Kaden Smith

Hamlyn Cutton Karson

Shaylee Emerson

Delegler Wideman

Stacie Blades

Brenda

Kendee Peltz

Edmund

Kander Chattoaway

Monique Koch

Quinn

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Millie Lucas

Staff of J.T. Foster School

~~Le~~ Hatch - Landon Hatch

~~Porteous~~ - Jason Porteous

~~Southgate~~ - Brenda Southgate

~~Garrick~~ - Joel Garrick

~~Lee Chattoaway~~ - Lee Chattoaway

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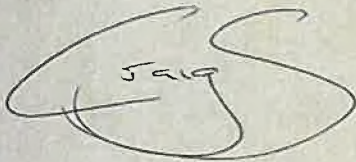
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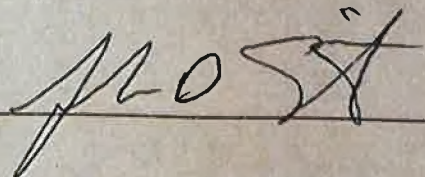
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John O. Smith

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Endorsement of Support

On behalf of this organization/business

Robert Kelly Wiebe

I, (print name)

RK GUIDING + CATTLE CO.

advise that we

support the proposed Alberta Coal Restriction Policy as shown above.

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